

# Feature Firefighter



Firefighter Patti at work in the aid car.

## Meet Firefighter Patti Mann

Firefighter Patti is a Medic. Medics have very important jobs. They take care of people who are hurt very badly. They save lives. Medics drive an aid car. It is like an emergency room on wheels. It even has a bed inside for patients to lay down on!

Firefighter Patti became a medic because she likes helping people. She sees people when they are hurt very bad. They are often scared. She helps make the scary time better by taking good care of them.

Firefighter Patti doesn't like to see people hurt. She teaches people how to be safe whenever she can. Teaching people to wear helmets when they ride bikes or skate is very impor-

tant to her. Her whole family rides bikes. Her husband, who is also a Medic, and their two children always wear their helmets. Her daughters, Katie and Alex, are 7 and 9 years old. Do you wear your helmet like they do?

"A helmet is part of the equipment needed for riding bikes or skating" says Firefighter Patti. "Just like the aid car is part of the equipment a Medic uses." Firefighter Patti knows that helmets can save people's lives. She has seen it happen. "When you wear your helmet your head is protected. Your head is what makes your body work. If your head gets hurt your body might not work right anymore". Protect yourself. Always wear your helmet!

Firefighter Patti is a lot of fun. Maybe you will see her while she is working in Seattle. If you see her, show her how smart you are by wearing your helmet.



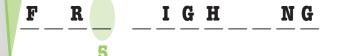
Firefighter Patti and her partner Firefighter Raeann. These two Medics stay very busy. On this day they are assigned to Medic Unit 31 near Northgate.

## Safety All-Stars

Crash, the alien from the planet Accidents Happen, wants to be a Safety All-Star. Help Crash figure out when people wear helmets to protect their heads. Fill in the blanks under each picture. Then use the numbers under the blanks to help decode the secret All-Star message.



People wear helmets to protect their heads from getting hurt. Look at each picture and figure out when the person in the picture wears a helmet. Fill in the blanks to show the answer.



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Be a Safety All-Star and Wear Your



To play online safety games visit **www.safetyallstars.com**. To get a free activity poster have a grown-up call the Children's Resource Line at **206-987-2500** or toll-free at **1-866-987-2500**, and select option number **4**.

## The Science of Fire Safety

Fire has been around a long time. If used with respect by grown-ups, fire can heat our homes and cook our food. But if fire is not used with respect very bad things can happen.

#### What Causes Fire?

Fire needs three things to happen. It needs **Heat**. It needs something to burn. We call this **Fuel**. And fire needs **Air**. If any one of these three things is taken away, the fire goes out.









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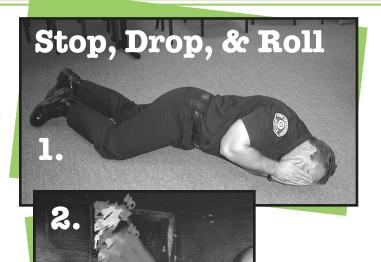
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Fire



#### How do fires get put out?

We know that firefighters put water on fires to put them out, but there is more to it than that. Scientifically, fires go out when the fuel is gone, when the air is gone or when the heat is gone. Water cools the heat and takes away the air for a fire.

Look at each picture to the left. Try to figure out which thing is being taken away to make the fire go out. Write your answer in the box.

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